FISCAL NOTE

HB 15

January 17, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases penalty for the offense of rape of a child from a Class A felony to life without the possibility of parole.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$10,391,300/Incarceration*

Assumption:

• 59 persons convicted each year of the offense of rape of child will receive a sentence elevated to life without parole.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director